THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The growth rate and share of service sector in the GDP during the last five years (2002-03 to 2006-07) is given in the following table.

Growth rates and Share of Service Sector

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Growth Rate (%)	7.4	8.5	9.6	9.8	11.0
Share (as % of GDP)	52.7	52.9	53.7	54.1	54.6

N.B: Services sector includes Trade, Hotels and Restaurant, Transport, Storage and Communication, financing, insurance, real estate and business services and community, social and personal services. The growth rate is in 1999-2000 prices while the share of service sector in the GDP is in current prices.

Source: Based on information available from Central Statistical Organisation.

(b) There is no centralized system of assessing and projecting the specific need and availability of skilled manpower in various sectors such as health, information technology, education, legal services and tourism, etc. These are studied/assessed by specialized bodies/agencies. Industry associations, trade bodies and chambers of commerce periodically estimate the need of skilled manpower in their specific areas.

Public transport infrastructure

2559. SHRI. C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Transport Ministers of Southern States, Maharashtra and Goa in a meeting held in Thiruvanthapuram have called upon the Centre to formulate a policy that lays emphasis on development of public transport infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, whether any measures are proposed which include providing aid to the States for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details of financial aid earmarked to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Postings of surveyors of MMD

2560. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some surveyors of the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), enjoy postings in the same port for long periods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;